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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Also attached is a copy of an Great Britain Search/Examination Report (ESR) issued 29 July 2004 in a foreign application corresponding to the subject US application, as well as copies of the reference cited therein. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant states that the item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in the attached GB Search/Examination Report not more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this IDS.

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This IDS is being filed prior to mailing of a first Action on the merits in the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.97(b). In the event that the filing date of this IDS is concurrent with the mailing date of a first Action on the merits in this case, Applicant has submitted the statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e), and therefore, the requirements for entry of this IDS under 37 CFR §1.97(c) also are complete, and entry and consideration of the attached information are respectfully requested.

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